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Bill "Papa Rocco" McGinnes & his bagpipers will lead green throng on tour of downtown Gulf Shores bistros on Sunday, March 17

Papa Rocco's Sponsors Annual St. Patrick's Day Walking Pub Parade

Papa Rocco's owner Bill McGinnes, just as he's done for the past 35 years, will raise his shillelagh on the front steps of his Hwy. 59 restaurant (two blocks from the beach) at about 9:30 a.m. and signal the start of the annual Gulf Shores St. Patrick's Day Walking Pub Parade.. At least 1,200 revelers - young & old, local & snowbird - are expected to follow Papa's bagpipers to most of the bars & bistros in downtown Gulf Shores.

After the parade, McGinnes will return to Papa Rocco's for corned beef & cabbage and live music. (For more parade info, see story on Page12

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Paws in the Park April 13 at Big Lagoon State Park

Big Lagoon State Park along with the Friends of Pensacola State Parks will host the first Paws in the Park on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. at the Amphitheater Picnic Area at Big Lagoon State Park (12301 Gulf Beach Hwy. in Pensacola). This is a free event with regular paid park entry fees (\$4 for one person or \$6 for up to 8 people).

Bring the whole family out, including your favorite 4-legged friends for a fun filled day of dog friendly vendors, opportunities for adoption and educational demonstrations.

There will also be ranger guided dog friendly hikes to emphasize the dog friendly areas of the park and interpretation of pet rules. Dogs must be on a maximum 6 ft. long hand-held leash at all times and be well behaved. Owners are responsible for picking up after their pets.

Our Lady of the Gulf fish-frys every Friday thru April 12

The Lenten fish-frys at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church (2304 E. 2nd St.) in Gulf Shores are every Friday in Lent (March 8 through April 12). Hours are 5-7 p.m.. Cost is \$10 for a meal that includes delicious fried fish, hushpuppies, baked beans, cole slaw, a dessert, a drink, and good fellowship. Prepared by Gulf Shores' finest fry-cook using a secret recipe, the fish-frys are a huge hit with locals and snowbirds. Proceeds benefit Baldwin County Catholic schools and local schools and programs.

Island Mobile Food Pantry March 23 at Christian Life



Christian Life the Island Church in Orange Beach will have its next Island Mobile Food Pantry on Saturday, March 23rd. Local families can receive a minimum of 50 pounds of food between 8:00am and 10:00am. The Island Mobile Food Pantry serves residents of Baldwin County six times a year. For information on registration, please call Lisa in the office at 251.967.4840.

Orange Beach Invasion Car Show March 15-17 at The Wharf

The Orange Beach Invasion Car Show will make its return to Pleasure Island March 15-17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centered along Main St. and the Marina Lawn at The Wharf, the show premiered at The Wharf two years ago and proved to be unlike any other. With over 25,000 spectators in attendance over the past event shows, this will be one packed event. Admission is free for spectators.

Gulf Shores School Board addresses non-resident enrollment policy, hires financial officer

By John Mullen

Non-resident students who currently attend Gulf Shores schools as part of the Baldwin County system could be given a chance to stay with the city if there is space, Superintendent Matt Akin (bottom) said. Tuition is expected to be a part of that policy.

The board addressed non-resident policy at a March 7 work session. During a special called meeting before the work session the board hired Chad Green (top) as the Chief Schools Financial Officer.



"There is the clause in there that gives priority to students who do have logistical hardships," Akin said. "A specific example would be a student who lives in Fort Morgan who has to come all the way through Gulf Shores could apply under that part of it. That would be the most extreme example because they are the furthest distance from any school. To the west is a unique situation and that's what we're trying to address."

Their options could be limited, however, by availability classroom space. And, positions will be made available only after any full-time staffers who live outside the city's children are placed.

"At the end of the day it's still going to depend on capacity and in what grade level will we have room," Akin said.

First in line, he said will be those teachers and staff members.

"We really tried to be as fair as possible and that's why we went the route of setting priorities," Akin said "Really the number one priority is going to take care of those full-time employees, full-time teachers who live out of district and whose kids come to school here. We certainly want them to be allowed to bring their kids."

Any 2019 incoming 10th, 11th and 12th graders who live out of district are covered by the sepa-

ration agreement, Akin said. They will be able to attend and finish at Gulf Shores High School and not pay out-of-district tuition.

Questions have arisen about year-to-year capacities and if out-of-district students would lose their classroom spot as the in-district student population grows.

"The latest concern that had come up was if I enroll out of district can you guarantee my child will be there for the remainder of his K-12 career?" Akin said. "So, if I enroll as a third grader is he going to be accepted again as a fourth grader?"

"That's a difficult question to answer not knowing how capacity is going to look. What we changed or what we added was a priority if you're enrolled out of district, you would have to reapply every year but you would have first priority if they have space."

The proposed policy, available as part of the agenda on the city's website, mentions tuition several times but what the cost has yet to be set.

"It says we can charge tuition," Akin said. "When they approve the policy that would be the next step to decide. It hasn't been approved so I can't say yes, we're charging it. But I'm confident that we will charge it for this coming school year."

Financial Officer Hire

Green took over at Satsuma for Jean McCutcheon who was the CSFO when Satsuma separated from the Mobile County system. McCutcheon served as consultant for Gulf Shores during separation negotiations with Baldwin County.

"She was retiring and she brought him in and trained him," Akin said. "He's been there for the last year and a half. That's certainly an advantage. He's got experience in a very similar size system and all though he didn't start it up he's trained by the person who started it. We're really excited about Chad."

Green is a graduate of Huntingdon College where he attended on a full academic scholarship. He previously worked for Hartmann, Blackmon & Kilgore in Fairhope from 2014-17 as a senior auditor and at Draffin & Tucker, in Albany, Ga., from 2012-14 as an associate I and II

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VALENTINE'S ROSES AT KING NEPTUNES: Sandy and Ed Balk & Kathy and Charlie Patnode, pictured above with King Neptune's owner Diane Sawyer, were presented beautiful rose bouquets as winners of the popular Gulf Shores restaurant's annual Valentine's Day Drawing.

Women invited to "Discover the New You" March 23 at GSUMC

The Gulf Shores United Methodist Women will host a women's event, "What If You Could Discover The New You," on March 23 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the GSUMC Auditorium. Join speakers Rev. Jody Kranz, Rev.. Janie Macbeth and Janie Glover for the free event to learn new ways to add more love, joy and peace to your lives. A full day of fellowship, a catered lunch, entertainment and a fashion show will be part of the gathering. All 251-968-2411 to register as an individual or as a group.

Magnolia or The House at the Head of the River continues at SBCT

The South Baldwin Community Theatre's world premier of Magnolia or The House at the Head of the River continues 15 & 16 at 7:30 p.m. and March 17 at 2:30 p.m. SBCT is located at 2022 W. 2nd St. in Gulf Shores. For ticket info, visit sbct.biz. Written and directed by South Baldwin native (pictured) C. Stefan Morrisette, the play's protagonist is an elderly woman who returns to her childhood home in Magnolia Springs to celebrate her birthday under the watchful eye of her granddaughter. The play is a look at the life of a Lower Alabama teen in the mid 1930's.



Blessing of Fleet March 23 at FB's Ole River Marina

The Flora-Bama Marina will host its Blessing of the Fleet from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, March 23. Pastor Dan, the Flora-Bama Church pastor, along side one of our local Catholic priests, will be stationed at the end of the dock in front of Ole River at the Florida-Alabama state line. No boat is too big, & no boat is too small for this event, which will be followed by a captain's happy hour after party downstairs at Flora-Bama Ole River Grill from 5-7 p.m. with live music and free appetizers and a drink card.

Captain Mike Salley will use channel 68 to coordinate lineup and traffic flow during the blessing. Additional free drink cards will also be available to those who bring in a boat flag or t-shirt with boat name and info to be hung/displayed at Ole River Grill.

City Rhythm Big Band Dance scheduled March 23 in Loxley

City Rhythm Big Band dances are scheduled for March 23, April 27 and May 11 at the Loxley Civic Center from 7-10 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person, and ice and water, cups are furnished, BYOB and BYO snacks if you wish.

Expect and evening of wonderful music and dancing, when this great 18 piece big band, all professional musicians, hits the stage.



March 16 BBQ & Blues Cook-Off raises funds for Baldwin schools

The South Baldwin Chamber Foundation is cooking up a whole lot of fun while raising funds supporting Foley area schools during the Annual BBQ & Blues Cook-Off on Saturday, March 16 in Heritage Park, located at the intersection of Hwy 59 & 98 in Downtown Foley. Festival-goers will enjoy award-winning barbecue, popular blues bands, craft and retail vendors, children's activities and silent auction bidding.

As a part of the Alabama BBQ Trail, cook team competition rules follow guidelines of the Alabama Barbeque Association. Categories are: Chicken, Ribs, Boston Butts, Sauce and Anything "Butt" which includes exotic items, seafood and desserts. The competition is open to everyone with the \$100 entry fee covering all competition categories and up to six team members. Deadline for registration is March 1.

Admission is \$10 and includes BBQ samples from contestants. The South Baldwin Chamber Foundation will also be selling barbeque sandwiches from LA Barbeque and pre-cooked Boston Butts. Beer, wine, soft drinks and water will also be for sale, along with the official event T-shirts. All proceeds benefit the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation to support local schools through programs and partnerships that enrich education, develop leadership and better the community. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. For more information, visit

Coast Guard Auxiliary Safe Boating Course March 30 in O.B.

The Alabama South Coast flotilla of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a safe boating class on Saturday, March 30 at the Orange Beach Community Center. Successful completion of this course meets the educational requirement needed to obtain a boating license in Alabama and other states. Course content includes safety and practical boating procedures, trailer and ramp safety, safety equipment, boating laws, navigation rules, chart reading and basic navigation, docking techniques, line handling, and fun with knots. The minimum age for enrollment is 12 years. The course will be from 8 AM to 5 PM. The fee is \$35 for an individual and \$50 for a couple sharing a course book. Course book, instructional materials, lunch and refreshments provided. Register at malinmo@yahoo.com or call (251) 284-1461. Information is also available at cgaux.org under Take a Boating Safety Class. Classes are also scheduled on April 13, June 1 and 29, August 3, and October 19.



BRAT FEST RAISES \$2,400: The 21st Annual Bob Gilray 2019 Memorial Brat Fest was held on February 9 at Orange Beach Community Center. \$2,400 was donated to the three Pleasure Island Fire Departments. Pictured: Mike Gordee presenting a check to Fort Morgan Chief, Glenn Stevens, Duke Schueller looking on. Orange Beach Division Chief/Fire Marshall, Craig Stephenson accepting the check from Paul Brown. Melvin Shepard, Gulf Shores Battalion Chief, receiving the check from Jim Mills. Austin D. Lesinger Gulf Shores Firemedic and Kenn Krouse looking on.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Fairhope Legion tiki opens with March 17 concert on the beach

Doc Rogers and the Roc Dodgers will be on the big stage on the beach at the Fairhope American Legion Post 199 for a St. Patrick's Day Legion Beach Grand Opening Party on Sunday, March 17. The tiki bar opens at noon and the music starts at 4 p.m. Although welcome, all dogs must be leashed. And food will also be available at the party. Post 199 is located at 700 S Mobile St. More info: 251-928-9132.

Pictured: Erik Schmitz started Doc Rogers and the Rock Dodgers in 2010. The Fairhope based rock n rollers range from doctors and engineers, to a couple of retired band directors and educators. The band originally started out as a group who got together to play music. In addition to Schmitz, aka Doc Rogers, the band includes Tom Geary, Jimmy Finch, Dean Dodds, Bill Goetter, Perry Parsons, Kent Fyock, Tim Grabill, Otis Coley, Cathy Brumback, Barry Gibson, Tommy Fuller, Robin Isherwood, Robert Stockton and Barbara Brown. The band plans South Baldwin nightspots, parades and opened for the Coasters and the Tams in Orange Beach back in 2016.



Danny Grady, corned beef at Eagles St. Paddy's party

By TK Kipp

The Fraternal Order of Eagles 4549, Gulf Shores will be serving up some scrumptious corned beef and cabbage on Sunday, March 17. The chow will be served starting at 12:30 p.m. with a donation of \$10 per plate. Proceeds will be going to charity. Don't wait, we will be serving until we are out. Don't forget to wear your green. Danny Grady (pictured) will be entertaining us. To go orders can be accommodated. We are lo-



Four A Change plays free March 17 in downtown Foley

On Sunday, March 17, Foley Main Street will host an afternoon concert in the parking lot behind Stacy's Drugs in downtown Foley to celebrate Lucky to Live in Foley. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy music provided by Four A Change from 3 - 5 p.m. and share your ideas for downtown Foley. Bring chairs or blankets. Come early for lunch or stay late for dinner at one of the downtown restaurants. Also, anyone who shops in the Main Street district in downtown Foley between March 4 and March 17 will be eligible to win a special Pot of Gold prize! Just bring your receipt with your name, email and phone number on the back and place it in the golden barrel for your chance to win.

Pictured: Members of Four A Change, Jennifer, Katrina, Tracey, and Jonathan, wear many hats. Individually, they are a city planner, an event coordinator, a retail business owner, and a musician. And in their spare time, they like to get together and make music! All kinds of music! Their choral pieces range from Broadway show tunes, to contemporary pop, to country, and even a little jazz! The love for music brought them together. The laughter and the friendship that they share is the glue that keeps them together.

History of St. Patrick's Day

Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

It was emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of things Irish. Cities with large numbers of Irish immigrants, who often wielded political power, staged the most extensive celebrations, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762. Since 1962 Chicago has coloured its river green to mark the holiday. (Although blue was the colour traditionally associated with St. Patrick, green is now commonly connected with the day.) Irish and non-Irish alike commonly participate in the "wearing of the green"—sporting an item of green clothing or a shamrock, the Irish national plant, in the lapel. Corned beef and

cabbage are associated with the holiday, and even beer is sometimes dyed green to celebrate the day. Although some of these practices eventually were adopted by the Irish themselves, they did so largely for the benefit of tourists. (From Encyclopaedia Britannica).

Our favorite Irish jokes

- One night, Mrs McMillen answers the door to see her husband's best friend, Paddy, standing on the doorstep.
"Hello Paddy, but where is my husband?
He went with you to the beer factory."
Paddy shook his head. "Ah Mrs McMillen, there was a terrible accident at the beer factory, your husband fell into a vat of Guinness Stout and drowned."
Mrs McMillen starts crying. "Oh don't tell me that, did he at least go quickly?"
Paddy shakes his head. "Not really – he got out three times to pee!"
- An Irishman was flustered not being able to find a parking space in a large mall's parking lot.
"Lord," he prayed, "I can't stand this. If you open space up for me, I swear I'll give up drinking me whisky, and I promise to go to church every Sunday."
Suddenly, the clouds parted, and the sun shone on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the man said, "Never mind, I

found one."

- What's the difference between God and Bono? God doesn't wander around Dublin thinking he's Bono.
- Billy stops Paddy in Dublin and asks for the quickest way to Cork.
Paddy says, "Are you on foot or in the car?"
Billy says, "In the car."
Paddy says, "That's the quickest way."
• Paddy and Mick are walking down the road, and Paddy's got a bag of doughnuts in his hand. Paddy says to Mick, "If you can guess how many doughnuts are in my bag, you can have them both."
• An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.
He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?"
"Just water," says the priest.
The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?"
The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"
• Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend Finney.
"Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher.
"They say I died!"
"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye callin' from?"
• Paudie goes into a bar and orders seven

shots of tequila and one Guinness.

The barman lines up shots and goes to get the Guinness.

When he comes back with the pint, all seven shots are gone.

The barman says: "Wow! You sure drank those fast."

Paudie explains: "You would drink fast too if you had what I have."

The barman asks: "What do you have?"

The guy reaches into his pocket and says: "Fifty cents!"

• Gerry Connors walked his dog through the village every day. One day Mr Connors is on his walk without the dog.

His pal Billy sees him and asks: "Where is your dog?"

Murphy answers: "I had to have him put down."

"Was he mad?" asks Billy.

"He wasn't too pleased," Murphy replies.

• Paddy and Mick are walking down the road and Paddy has a bag of doughnuts in his hand.

Paddy says to Mick: "If you can guess how many doughnuts are in my bag, you can have them both."

• Two Irishmen were driving home one night when one asked the other to check if the car's indicators are working.

He promptly sticks his head out the window and says: "Yes, no, yes, no, yes, no, yes, no."



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Gulf Shores St. Paddy's Walking Parade will roll from Papa Rocco's around 9:30 a.m.

Fun times for McGinnes & company on March 17

By Fran Thompson

A bagpiping contingency led by the nephew (Neil McGinnes) of St. Patrick's Day Walking Parade grand marshal Bill McGinnes will lead the annual Gulf Shores St. Patrick's Day Walking Parade, which will depart from the Papa Rocco's deck at around 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 17 for an annual song filled stroll to various downtown Gulf Shores watering holes.

Sponsored by McGinnes, owner of Papa Rocco's (one block north of the beach on Hwy. 59), the parade of pubs will also feature Kevin Wisehart, Michael Wood and James Stewart playing pipes when the time comes to call the troops together and move the party from Papa Rocco's to The Flying Harpoon to Mudbugs to The Steamer to Desoto's & Crazy Donut to The Hangout to The Pink Pony to Gulf Island Grille to Hooters.

The crawl ends around 2 p.m. at Mikee's. But by then most of the

crowd will have been left behind to eat a meal or sip an extra libation at one of the other stops.

The Dublin Down Irish Band will be at Papa Rocco's from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and The Hangout will have live music from three bands (Kilted Kings, Magic Johnsons and Pop Fiction) beginning at 10 a.m. Desoto's will offer corned beef & cabbage on the menu that day.

"This started as a way to give the local restaurants a jump on the season," McGinnes said. "It's gotten a lot bigger since then. But I'm expecting the biggest crowd yet with it being on the weekend. I've already had a lot of calls.

"People come from all over Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Our snowbirds love it. And we get some spring breakers. We even have grandkids of some of the originals coming out with us," McGinnes added.

Butch Nichols and Lindy Harris are the original parade flag carriers, a job they proudly held even before McGinnes took over as grand marshal in 1989. Others have picked up the flags in recent years.

McGinnes continues to proudly carry the lead stick and even applies

for an official parade permit from Gulf Shores City Hall every year (ordinance 367, Section 5).

"We want to make sure the police know what we are doing. But we are not sure what we are doing besides having fun," McGinnes said.

The Green Horde is easy to find, as The crowd takes over the grounds at every stop.

The 2019 parade will be the second since the passing of original parade bagpiper, Jocko McClain.

Jocko, who passed away in August of 2017 at his home in Canada, and his legacy as the parade's pied piper goes back to the 1970's.

His spirit will always be at the heart of the event and remains as much a part of the parade's fabric as cold beer, green hats and Jameson's, McGinnes said.

"We met at the American Legion and we immediately sat down and killed off a bottle of Irish whiskey between us," McGinnes said. "We started talking about Scotland and The Rangers and it was like we had known each other for years."

McGinnes said he has learned to pace himself over the years.

"There were a couple of years when I hitched a ride back to Papa Rocco's,

but I don't do that anymore," he said.

Vince Murphy founded the walking parade and was first to carry the grand marshal baton, with Jocko beside him playing his pipes, in the mid-1970's.

Murphy, who at that time owned The Pink Pony, passed the baton to local character John Kelliher, who led the swarm behind Jocko into Papa Rocco's just after McGinnes opened his restaurant in 1984.

Kelliher, The Colonel to his friends, deemed McGinnes worthy of the grand marshal's position in 1989.

Ron David has been gathering friends to participate in the parade for more than 20 years.

The Orange Beach resident, a retired Colonel with two tours of Vietnam behind him, parades with members of his carnival krewes, The Treasures of the Isle.

"It's a great way to put on something green and march together and drink together with my TOI friends. "Bill does a great job. It brings in people from all over the world. It's come a long way since we moved here, and it just keeps getting bigger," David said.

Pictured: Scenes from the 2018 parade, including the grand marshal





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GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

City will establish areas for people who like to use pop-up tents for shade Signal may be added at East Second St. with access to new Gulf Place addition

By John Mullen

Gulf Shores is going to study whether a traffic light will be needed at East Second Street and the entrance to the new Gulf Place project directly across from it.

Beachfront development and new rules for city beaches was a big topic at the March 11 city council meeting including designating an area for pop-up tents at Gulf Place.

"A couple of months back the city purchased this 100-foot wide piece of property which is due south of East Second Street on the beach highway," Public Works Director Mark Acreman said. "It is contiguous to where our Gulf Place Project phase three is under construction. What this allows us to do is actually modify the existing project and provide a turnout that will actually align with East Second Street."

Gulf Shores hired traffic engineering firm Skipper Consulting to study patterns there to see if there would be enough traffic flow to justify a signal.

"When you add a turnout to an intersection it's my advice that we perform a warrant analysis to see if a signal will be required at this intersection," Acreman said. "This warrant analysis will not only identify the traffic impacts at this intersection but the proposed pedestrian impacts as well."

Acreman said the new beach access area will attract residents and vacationers on the streets north of the intersection behind Gulf Island Grill and Hooters.

"There's a large number of residential rental homes north of this area and now with the public beach being available with restroom facilities, the police precinct and additional parking we expect the pedestrian demands at this intersection to increase substantially as well as the traffic demands," he said. "If it does meet warrant at a later date, I can propose to you guys a professional services agreement to design the actual signals."

Results of the study will be presented to the Alabama Department of Transportation which must give final permission for a new light since beach road is a state highway.

"ALDOT makes us do these warrant analyses in order to justify the light," City Administrator Steve Griffin said. "Not just for the vehicles but the pedestrians as well. It was very fortuitous for the council to authorize the acquisition of this property because it does line up with East Second Street."

Before the extra property was bought the only entrance to the new phase was on the west end and was a

right-in and right-out only access.

"Even to have it without the traffic signal to have that exit there is going to be important," Mayor Robert Craft said. "If it doesn't warrant out initially it will later as it gets busier on our beach areas. It's a good addition to the city and we're excited about it."

Beach Tents

With the addition of the 100-foot lot to Gulf Place as a whole, Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs Grant Brown said the ordinance regarding regulations there will have to be rewritten to include the new acquisition.

"The current ordinance calls out the entire Gulf Place but does not include that additional 100 feet," Brown told the council. "That's important because there are certain regulations that pertain to Gulf Place."

One of those involves pop-up tents people like to use for shade. They are currently not allowed on any of the city-owned public beaches. A new proposal would allow the tents in areas to the far east and west of Gulf Place so they won't block the view of the Gulf from the boardwalks and restaurants there including the Hangout.

"We feel like since we do have a tent line established throughout our high-density condominium district that does allow those 10-by-10 shade canopies its confusing to the people who come to the public beach areas," Brown said. "When they get there the shade is set up and unfortunately, we have to have them take it down. Now we can say you can't have it here but you can take it there."

Craft said he would like to see a trial run on the tents before fully committing to change the ordinance.

"Is it possible for us to do this as a one-year test and then revisit this next year?" Craft asked. "Let you get through a year and see if it creates more problems than it solves. I think it would be wise for us to approach it that way and make sure we don't go back to the problems we had in the past."

Another change included making glass illegal on the beach everywhere in the city on the sand. Currently, it is only banned on public beaches. Others include allowing dogs on leashes at Gulf Place but not on the beach itself, banning tobacco and e-cigarettes from all beaches in the city, allow for ADA motorized vehicles and establishing a tent line throughout the city using the city's recycling and trash can stations.

During the meeting, the council also:

- Awarded a contract worth \$42,300 to Slavin Management Consultants from Norcross, Ga., to study the

city's current job classifications and compensation. Craft said with a dwindling workforce the city needs to be more competitive to attract better candidates when hiring for openings or adding staff.

- Award bids to three companies for vehicle emergency equipment. None of the companies met the bid specifications for all three items so it was decided to bid out to the three individual companies on certain items on which they met bid specifications. Dana Safety Supply was the winner in a \$21,000 bid, Emergency Lighting by Haynes for \$2,600 and Richard Communications for \$10,500.

- Agreed to hire Southern Engineering Solutions to inspect bridges and box culverts in the city for \$10,000. The Alabama Department of Transportation requires these inspections every two years.

- Awarded a contract for a new roof on City Hall to Amerson Roofing from Atmore at a low bid of about \$138,500.

- Awarded an assembly permit for the South Baldwin Women's Club for a Gulf Shores Goes Pink event at Fire Station One on Oct. 1.

- Awarded an assembly permit of the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism Sports Commission and the city for the return of the NCAA Sand Volleyball National Championships on May 2-5 at Gulf Place. Set up will begin on April 28.

- Appointed Richard Lamar and David Stewart to fill the open supernumerary positions on the Board of Zonings and Adjustments to replace Erin Kaiser and Craig Olmstead who were both appointed to regular positions on the board.

- Appointed Edgar McKee to a six-year term on Airport Authority to replace Randy McKinney, who chose not serve again.

- Reappointed Linda Bender to a three-year on the Beautification board. Her current term expires on April 9 and she has agreed to serve another term.

- Reappointed Randy Kaiser to a three-year term on the Personnel Board. His current term will expire March 27 and he has agreed to serve another term.



GULF SHORES ARBOR DAY: Gulf Shores celebrated its 32nd year as a Tree City USA with an Arbor Day tree giveaway for residents, who were able to select four different trees from the six varieties: American Hornbeam, American Snowbell, Bitternut Hickory, Catalpa, Cherry Laurel and Chinese Chestnut. Landscape Division employees were onsite to answer questions about the trees.



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ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

Another Dollar General store coming

By John Mullen

If history is much of a teacher – and very recent history – then Orange Beach is about to get its fourth Dollar General store and the second on Canal Road.

“They don’t label it as a Dollar General,” Orange Beach Director of Community Development Kit Alexander said. “It’s a retail store by the Broadway Group.”

The Broadway Group is on the Orange Beach Planning Commission agenda for March 11 asking for site plan approval for a 9,100-square-foot store at 26763 Canal Road.

Every new Dollar General store in Orange Beach – three new ones – and the new one in Gulf Shores all had the same inauspicious beginning. The Broadway Group, a real estate company headquartered in Huntsville, would apply for a site plan approval for a “retail store” and when all was said and done a Dollar General was sitting there.

“You could possibly say that a retail store has been submitted by the group that has historically built Dollar Generals in Orange Beach,” Alexander said.

The property owned by the Broadway Group is due west of Bear Point Plaza and across the street from The Keg Bar and Grill. It is bounded on the north by Magnolia

Avenue. Alexander said the city will likely require no interaction with Magnolia from the new store.

“Staff is recommending that there be no access to the residential street to the north,” she said. “We don’t want any trucks causing a problem for those residents. And were’ going to be asking for a fence along that whole northern property line to prevent impacts to that residential neighborhood. We don’t want them to have that negative impact on that street.”

In July of 2017, the city council balked at the latest Dollar General built just north of the city hall complex on Alabama 161. The developers were asked to come up with a more coastal design for the exterior. Several council members also expressed concerns about the traffic and closeness to a neighborhood. It was tabled in the meeting.

The store finally gained approval and the council’s traffic concerns were assuaged. In August of 2018, the council OK’d a liquor license for the new location. It replaced the Dollar General in the WalMart shopping center. A Souvenir City recently opened in that old location.

Other Dollar General stores are located on the north side of beach road on the west side of town and on Canal Road across from J&M.



Drilling begins for new Orange Beach bridge

Barge-mounted drill rigs are being deployed from Barber Marina to begin drilling for geotechnical assessment in the locations of the proposed Wolf Bay Bridge support piles. Drilling commenced on the north side of the Bay on Feb. 27 and will be operational 24 hours a day on weekdays only. Drilling is anticipated to continue for approximately one month. As the drill rigs move to the southern shore of Wolf Bay, noise impacts will be assessed and the activity limited to daylight hours, if necessary.

The City of Orange Beach will use bed tax funds to pay for a free bridge over Wolf Bay. Projected revenue from a two percent increase in the lodging tax is expected to generate \$5-\$6 million per year from the city’s condo row. Those funds will also pay for other road and traffic congestion improvements in the city, as well as beach renourishment (\$20M) and ongoing Perdido Pass dredging (\$5M) projects. The estimated cost of the Wolf Bay Bridge is \$40 to \$60 million. It is scheduled for completion in 2020.

The bridge will cross the Intracoastal Canal directly north of Hwy. 161 and cut through parcels of land owned by the Lorenz and Barber families. It will connect to County Rd. 95, where traffic can either proceed north to Hwy. 98 or west to the Foley Beach Express. The State of Alabama is planning to build a bridge about a mile and a half west of the Foley Beach Express Bridge, also with a 2020 target completion date.

Pictured: Conceptual design for new Wolf Bay Bridge at the intersection of Canal Rd. and Orange Beach Blvd. (Hwy. 161).

MAAAC Gala May 11 at Perdido Beach Resort

Non-profit formed to support Orange Beach children’s experiences in academics, arts and athletics

The newly organized Makos Academics, Arts and Athletics Club (MAAAC), a non-profit formed to directly support Orange Beach children’s experiences in academics, arts and athletics, will host its first fundraiser, The MAAAC Gala, on May 11 at 7 p.m. at Perdido Beach Resort. (Gala info: jjlangston@orangebeachal.gov.)

MAAC set a goal of \$150,000 to be raised at the gala, with The City of Orange Beach agreeing to match dollars raised up to that amount. The funds will be used to start academic, art and athletic programs in the city from scratch.

Baldwin County is in the process of building both middle and high schools on land the City of

Orange Beach donated at the O.B. Sportsplex. The city will also fund a performing arts center on campus. But there is still work to be done before the new schools open in the fall of 2020, according to MAAAC organizers.

While the Orange Beach schools do receive funding from Baldwin County for athletics and band, those dollars are earmarked for transportation. Funding for programs beyond these needs must be raised within the community.

“We understand that most of the funding for our new schools’ extracurricular programs would be provided by the community. Because of that, we wanted to get an as early start as possible,”

said Ryan Long, MAAAC president.

“Because the new middle and high schools are actually the first in Orange Beach, the extracurricular programs are starting from scratch which is large undertaking on its own,” he added. “The City of Orange Beach has been and is committed to play a vital part in our children’s success. Not only has the City of Orange Beach created the Expect Excellence Program, which is one of kind, but they have also committed to matching every dollar MAAAC raises up to \$150,000, which is unprecedented.”

MAAAC Arts and Band Representative Jessica Langston said wonderful plans are in the works.

“We’re so excited to form this organization,” she said. “We want our students to start out with firm financial support for extra-curriculars. We want to show equal attention to academic clubs, arts and sports so that our children have every opportunity for a well-rounded school career and a culturally-enriched life.”



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AROUND TOWN

Jensen's Heart of Gold Grubbin' For Gold Tour a culinary fundraiser

The Grubbin' For Gold Tour, a monthly culinary fundraiser for the locally based Jensen's Heart of Gold Foundation, starts March 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Flying Harpoon locations in both Orange Beach and Gulf Shores. The tour continues each month at other South Baldwin restaurants through November. Proceeds benefit local children with cancer. Grubbin' For Gold Tour participating restaurants will donate 20 percent of their sales to JHG during Gold Tour hours and volunteers will also selling t-shirts and raising awareness during the events.

"The goal is to promote childhood cancer awareness, our foundation and our hardship assistance program, as well as to support local businesses and give back to the community," said Melissa Byrd, president of the foundation.

Other restaurants participating include Locals in Fairhope on April 10, Wacked Out Weiner at its Foley, Gulf Shores and Robertsedale locations on June 12, Rock 'n Roll Sushi & PS Taco at the Tanger Outlet in Foley on July 10, Sassy Bass's Orange Beach, Gulf Shores and Ft. Morgan locations on August 14, The Hangout, Sunliner Diner, The Gulf and Picnic Beach (all on Pleasure Island) on Sept. 11, Island Wing Company in Gulf Shores on Oct. 9 and the Bone & Barrel & Little Whiskey Club in Fairhope on Nov. 13.

A special May 11 crawfish boil at Moe's BBQ in Orange Beach will include live music, auctions, raffles and lots of special surprises.

"It is a great way to connect with friends and family to make memories while giving back to those in need," Byrd added.

The mother of Jensen Byrd, who was diagnosed with cancer at the age of two and fought for three long years succumbing to his disease on August 24, 2010 at the all too young age of 5 years old, Melissa, Jensen's father Lynn and his sister (Jayden) knew they could not go back to a normal lifestyle knowing that, on average, 46 children are diagnosed with cancer each and every day. It became the Jensen family's mission to afford those families in this area who are on the same path the opportunity to make memories with their child.

St. Benedict's April 17 Raven Run 5K part of German Fest

The Raven Run 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run will kick off the St. Benedict Catholic School's Annual German Festival on Saturday, April 13. The 5k Run begins at 8 a.m. The One Mile Fun Run at 9 a.m. at St. Benedict Catholic School, 12786 Illinois St. in Elberta. Gumbo from Wolf Bay, beer, German sausage, and great prizes await participants at the post party. Polka band, Das Ist Lustig will play at 11 a.m. So don your lederhosen or dirndl, come fill your stein and join friends at the Raven Run! Register online at runsignup.com or at St. Benedict Catholic School from 7-8:30 a.m. the morning of the race. Prost y'all!

Save Underdogs Cooler of Booze fundraiser March 15

Save The Underdogs has kickd off its 3rd Annual Cooler Full of Booze fundraiser, with the drawing to be held at the Perdido Key



Sports Bar, located at 13583 Perdido Key Dr. (850-332-6403) on Friday, March 15. There are actually three coolers of booze to be

auctioned off at the fundraiser starting at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For more info, visit saveunderdogs.com or Face Book or text (612) 860-2432 to purchase.

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Crystal Shawanda (pictured) will entertain beginning at 8 p.m. Shawanda, a former CCMA Female Artist of the Year and JUNCO Award winner, will have a full band for the show.



Guy Perry to speak at March 18 L.A. Writers meeting Guests welcome to come hear singer/songwriter/author

By Nancy Dickhute

Singer, songwriter and author Guy Perry will be the featured speaker at the upcoming L.A. Beach Writers meeting on Monday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Thomas B. Norton Library in Gulf Shores. Please join us as Mr. Perry discusses his writing career and shares with us some of his inspiration for his books, *A Gulf Shore Christmas* and *The Mardi Gras Boat Parade*.

A Gulf Coast Christmas, is a delightful family Christmas book featuring the friendly creatures of the Gulf Coast – Beach Bunny, Bama Beach Mouse, Gusty Ghost Crab, plus pelicans, sandpipers, a family of beavers, monarch butterflies, and a fox who all gather for a delicious seafood gumbo feast while decorating a grand cypress tree. These creatures made their first appearance in *Treasures in the Sand*, a compilation of ten short stories and poems set in the beaches and bayous along the Gulf Coast.

The Mardi Gras Boat Parade is a whimsical family book that features gulf coast creatures fashioning their own boats and parades, taking part in all the fun traditions of carnival time. Louisiana artist, Tami Curtis, illustrated this book with her whimsical colorful style.

Guy has his roots in zydeco, country, and rockabilly. His formative years were spent on a Kentwood, Louisiana, dairy farm just north of New Orleans. The front porch was home to music-loving parents, grandparents, brothers, aunts, uncles, and cousins "pickin' and grinnin' after the work was done. But the sand and the sea called him to Gulf Shores, where he owns and operates Island Life Beach Rentals and Charters. In his spare time, Perry gathers wild muscadines, dewberries, persimmons, and any wild fruit to create jams and jellies from recipes passed down the generations. Perry is married to (above with Guy) Louisiana artist Tami Curtis who shares Guy's love of music, art, good books, and the Gulf Coast. For more information and to order any of Guy Perry's books, go to ThePainterAndPoet.com.

Following Mr. Perry's presentation, members will gather to share their responses to this month's writing prompts: 1) If you were given \$100 by a stranger, who told you to do a good deed with it, what would you do? 2) When life and events feel scary or uncertain, where do you go for security and what do you do? The group will also have an important vote to take concerning its book *Letters from the Beach*.

The public is welcome to attend Guy Perry's presentation. If you would like to attend, please contact either of the co-chairs, Nancy Dickhute (dickhute@creighton.edu) or Kim Shackelford (kshackel12@gmail.com). L.A. Beach Writers also welcomes those who would like to become members of the writing group. The group exists to support writers in all genres by providing opportunities to write, receive feedback and encourage their writing endeavors. For more information on L.A. Beach Writers, please visit our website at labeachwriters.com.



PENNIES FOR PUTTS: Board Members from the Cotton Creek Ladies Golf Association (CCLGA) met at Peninsula Golf Course with Coach Jacob Sparkman and the nine girls that make up the Gulf Shores Girls Golf Team. Cathy Bell, Pam Minella and Pat Scott presented a \$300 check to the team which was donated from their Pennies for Putts fund. This fund was set up to promote the love of golf in these young ladies and to help them with their supplies and expenses. The fund starts out with spare change put into the collection jug, but by the time it is presented to the school, it has grown with some very generous contributions. Sallye Dunlap, a CCLGA member, also donated 8 slightly used golf clubs which were very appreciated. Pictured: from left to right – Pam Minella (CCLGA Secretary), Pat Scott (CCLGA Treasurer), Girls Golf Team – Jenna Morgan, Annabelle Potter, Heidi Shamp, Christian Perryman, Olivia Callahan, Delaney Scarborough, Anniston Shamp, Olivia Atkins and Mary Elizabeth Alford, Cathy Bell (CCLGA President), Coach Jacob Sparkman.

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SBCT End of Road Short Play Fest accepting submissions

South Baldwin Community Theatre in Gulf Shores is seeking submissions for the Fourth Annual End of The Road New Short Play Festival & Beach Party scheduled July 12-14 at the beautiful Gulf Shores theatre complex.

The fest format consists of three staged readings of the eight winning ten minute plays. There will be an additional slot reserved for a student (18 and under) play. By submitting your play you are agreeing to participate in the production of the play and attendance by the playwright is a requirement for winning scripts. Plays may have had prior productions but may not have been published. Plays should not exceed 10 minutes in length and should be appropriate for a family friendly theatre. Submissions can be made via US mail to: South Baldwin Community Theatre PO Box 722; Gulf Shores, AL; 36547. Submissions can also be sent via email to pfizplays@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions is April 6. Winners will be notified by May 20. The weekend will include an opening night beach party reception and a closing reception with talk-back. A \$100 first prize will be given to the Judges' Choice and a \$50 prize will be given to the audience fa-



John Rich Bottle Signing (2pm) & performance (10pm) on March 16

Multi-platinum country-music star John Rich, one-half of the award winning Big and Rich, sign autographs and perform at the Flora-Bama on Saturday, March 16.

Rich will be on familiar grounds at the Flora-Bama, where he has already played multiple times, promoting his newest brand, Redneck Riviera Whiskey. Rich will be on-site signing bottles from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Flora-Bama Liquor Store.

Redneck Riviera Whiskey is a joint collaboration between Rich and Eastside Distilling, a small batch whiskey described as having a vanilla honey smoothness and a subtle finish.

Rich will toast to the crowd and sing a few songs at the Flora-Bama that evening beginning at 10 p.m.

10th Annual Bama Coast Cruise April 26-27 at The Wharf

Bama Coast Cruise announces its return to Orange Beach! This car show has proven to be immensely popular with local residents, tourists and serious car enthusiasts. It will showcase the absolute finest in automotive customized, modified and restored vehicles April 26 & 27, 2019. Over 850 vehicles are expected to be at The Wharf in Orange Beach, for the most unique automotive event the Alabama Gulf Coast has ever seen.

This event is presented by O'Reilly Auto Parts, it is Family Friendly and is sponsored by The Wharf. Bama Coast Cruise is an "open show" and welcomes all makes and models of specialty vehicles, customs, classics, street rods and hot rods, plus antique and original vehicles. As the Event Producer, Sonny McLean, says, "If it is special to you, it is special to us, come on out and cruise the Alabama Gulf Coast"! In addition to over 850 vehicles, there will be vendors, a Swap Meet and entertainment.

Von Hot Rod, internationally known pinstriper and "Master of the Fine Line", will be returning to the event as a special guest. Hot Rod makes his home in California, but travels the world demonstrating the fine art of Pinstriping. He will be at the show throughout the event pinstriping cars and personal items for the public. A DJ will be on hand to keep the music flowing

For more information on this exciting automotive event go to: www.BamaCoastCruisin'.com. There you will find information on registering your vehicle, being a vendor, being a sponsor or just enjoying the event as a spectator. Bama Coast Cruisin' will set up on Thursday, April 27, and the show will be open to the public Friday, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The event will wrap up the festivities with a police escorted parade of show cars leaving The Wharf and traveling east on Canal, south on 161 and then east on Perdido Beach Blvd. to the Pedido Pass Bridge and back to The Wharf. Don't miss your chance to view the most amazing vehicles ever seen on the Alabama gulf coast!

Sponsors include O'Reilly Auto Parts, the City of Orange Beach, The Wharf, Wharf Rental Management, and the Alabama Gulf Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau.



ST. PATRICK'S LADIES AUXILIARY PRESENTS CHARITY CHECKS: Members of the St. Patrick's Ladies Auxiliary presented checks to two local charities—Catholic Social Services and To Be-Options for Pregnant Women, as well as St. Patrick Catholic School. Sr. Margaret Harte, PBVM, Principal of St. Patrick Catholic School, accepted a check from Judy Jarmolinski, President of the Auxiliary. St. Patrick Catholic School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and meets all the requirements of the Archdiocesan Department of Catholic Education and the State of Alabama Department of Education for private schools. Deborah Gomillion, Program Manager, To Be-Options for Pregnant Women (Robertsdale, AL), accepted a check from President Judy Jarmolinski of the Auxiliary. To Be-Options for Pregnant Women provides assistance and education for new and expecting mothers in Robertsdale, AL and the surrounding area. Phyllis Beam, Director of Catholic Social Services of Baldwin County, accepted a check. Some of those services include emergency assistance, case management, Project REACH serving low-income school age children, and many more services. Those who need services and those who are able to donate are encouraged to call Catholic Social Services at 251-947-2293 or visit their web site at www.cssbaldwin.org to learn of their many programs to assist those in the community. Donations were also sent to ARC-BC and Mary's Shelter. The St. Patrick's Ladies Auxiliary encourages the community to attend its Christmas Bazaar which raises money for community charities, St. Patrick's Church and St. Patrick's School. Pictured: Back Row: Phyllis Beam, Felicia, Wiemer, Gloria Pratt, Barbara Landers, Judy Jarmolinski; Front Row: Carolyn Bell, Pam Ackis, Deborah Gomillion, Fran Frayne.



LOW COUNTRY BOIL RAISES \$6,500: The Low Country Boil was held Friday, February 22nd, with twelve State Snowbird Clubs participating. The Low Country Boil chairpersons presented a check to the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo for \$6,500. This brings the fourteen year total to \$83,950. Pictured: Presenting the check are Dave Morris ND/SD, Bob Hofacker (hidden) & Gayle Hofacker OH, Kim Dahlgren-General Manger of Zoo, Joan Jansma MI, Joann Rothmeyer WI, Kenn Krouse WI, Connie White IA, Frank Panczysyn NY, and Dr Adam Langston-Director of the Zoo. Next years Low Country Boil will be held at the new Zoo location on Friday, February 21, 2020.



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By George Ridder



Did you hear about the drummer who gave his daughters the same names?
Anna 1, Anna 2, Anna 3, Anna 4.

Doctor: "I see you're over a month late for your appointment. Don't you know that nervous dis-

orders require prompt and regular attention? What's your excuse?"
Patient: "I was just following your orders, Doc."
Doctor: "Following my orders? What are you talking about? I gave you no such order."
Patient: "You told me to avoid people who irritate me."

A counselor was helping his kids put their stuff away on their first morning in summer camp. He was surprised to see one of the youngsters had an umbrella.
The counselor asked, "Why did you bring an umbrella to camp?"
The kid answered, "Did you ever have a mother?"

A boy was sitting on a bus and eating one piece of chocolate after the other. A man sat down next to him and said, "Eating so much chocolate isn't good for you boy."
The boy answered, "My grandfather died when he was 112 years old."
The man asked, "Do you think he lived so long because he was eating lots of chocolate?"
The boy answered, "He lived so long because he minded his own business."

Do you love me with all your heart and soul?" asked Becky on Valentines Day.

"Mmm hmm," replied Dave.
"Do you think I'm the most beautiful girl in the world?"
"Mmm hmm."
"Do you think my lips are like rose petals?"
"Mmm hmm."
"Oh Dave," gushed Becky, "you say the most beautiful things!"

A magician comes up to our table and does a card trick. Impressed, I asked him how he did it.
He says "I can tell you, but I'd then have to kidnap you and take you away."
I said, "Can you tell my mother in law?"

I told my boss that three companies were after me, so I needed a raise in pay to stay with the current job.
He asked which companies?
I told him gas, electric, and cable.

Waiter: How do you like your steak, sir?
Sir: Like winning an argument with my wife.
Waiter: Rare it is.

Bill: Where did you get that gold watch Joe?
Joe: I won it in a race.
Bill: How many people participated in it?

Joe: Three, a policeman, the owner of the watch, and me!
.....
The Priest was shaking hands after his sermon. My grandma said, "Reverend that was the longest sermon I've ever listened to, it was boring as well."
I wanted to mend fences so I told him, "Father, pay no attention to her, she only repeats what she hears other people saying."

Patient- Dr. How much it will cost me to extract my two teeth?
Dentist- \$300.
Patient- How much time it will take?
Dentist- Five minutes
Patient- Five minutes only & it's \$300! Don't you think that is too expensive?
Dentist- I can do it in 30 minutes if you want?

Earl and Bubba are quietly sitting in a boat drinking beer when suddenly Bubba says, "Think I'm gonna divorce the wife. She ain't spoke to me in over 2 months."
Earl takes a long, sip of beer and says, "Better think it over. Women like that are hard to find."
.....
My pregnant daughter and her husband were checking out a new birth facility that was more like a spa. The birthing room had a hot

tub, soft music, and candlelight. "What do you think?" she said. He looked around. "Isn't this how we got here in the first place?"
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A bear walks into a restaurant and says, "I want a grilled.... cheese please."
The waiter asks, "What's with the pause?"
The bear replies, "What do you mean, I'm a bear aren't I?"
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After leaving the racetrack Bill bumped into his old friend Peter on the bus. "Say," Peter said, "How's it going?"
"Going? You want to hear one of the most amazing things that ever happened? Tell me, what's today's date?"
"July seventh."
"Right. The seventh day, of the seventh month. I go to the track at seven minutes past seven. My son is seven years old today, and we live at number seven, Seventh Avenue."
"Let me guess," Peter interrupted. "You put everything you had on the seventh horse in the seventh race."
"Right."
"And he won!" Peter sighed.
"No. He came in seventh."
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Bon Secour Wildlife Refuge hosts March walking tours

The Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge in Gulf Shores will be offering guided walks covering the topics of: Dynamic Dunes, Birds, Birds & Nature, Marine Ecosystems, and Nature throughout May. The talks will cover a variety of topics including, the Legacy of Little Lagoon, Sharks, Sea Turtles and Sea Turtle History and the Conservation Movement Talk.

The Legacy of Little Lagoon, Sea Turtle History and the Conservation Movement Talk, and Shark talks will be held at the Ft. Morgan VFD at 12105 State Highway 180 (Ft. Morgan Rd.). The Sea Turtle Talk will take place at the end of Mobile Street in Gulf Shores.

These are very popular events and reservations are required. The guided tours are limited to 12 people and the talks are limited to 24 people. 24-hours' notice is asked if you must cancel. Call the Refuge office at 251-540-7720 to book a walk or a talk, or drop into the office at 12295 State Highway 180 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Dates and times will also be available at fws.gov/bonsecour or Facebook.

Schedule

Wednesday, Mar. 13-1pm- Marine Ecosystem Walk- Mobile Street Parking Lot
Thursday, Mar. 14- 1pm- Shark Spiel- Ft. Morgan VFD Station #1
Thursday Mar. 14- 5:30pm- Dynamic Dunes- Mobile Street Parking Lot
Sunday, Mar. 17- 2pm- Bird & Nature Walk- Pine Beach Trail
Tuesday, Mar. 19- 2pm - Sea Turtle Talk- Mobile Street Beach
Tuesday, Mar. 19- 5:45pm- Bird Walk- Jeff Friend Trail (Office will be closed)
Wednesday, Mar. 20- 9am- Nature Walk- Pine Beach Trail
Wednesday, Mar. 20-1pm- Marine Ecosystem Walk- Mobile Street Parking Lot
Thursday, Mar. 21 - 1pm- Medicinal & Edible Plant Walk- Jeff Friend Trail
Thursday Mar. 21- 5:30 pm- Dynamic Dunes- Mobile Street Parking Lot
Sunday, Mar. 24- 2pm- Bird & Nature Walk- Pine Beach Trail
Tuesday, Mar. 26 - 1pm- Legacy of Little Lagoon- Ft. Morgan VFD Station #1
Tuesday, Mar. 26- 2pm - Sea Turtle Talk- Mobile Street Beach

WED, MARCH 13

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Dublin Down Irish Band: 6-9 p.m.; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Brent Burns: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- The Band Us: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic Night: 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Swing Dancing: 7, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Adam Holt: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Big Beach Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- Rodger Plemons: 5; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Smoke Free Bingo: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke w. Aaron Phillips: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- John Joiner & Friends: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Family Night Dinner & Activities: 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-


2762.

- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Veteran's Bingo: 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Trivia Night: 6:30 p.m.; The Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2789, Foley; 251-550-1060.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pen-

sacola.

- South Alabama Senior Travelers: 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- Orange Beach Friends of the Library: 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.
- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Bama hosts March 23 Half Marathon & 5K

In a special salute to America's fallen heroes, Perdido Key's iconic 50-year old "Roadhouse" is donating 100% of registration fees collected to the Special Operation Warrior Foundation at its 6th Annual Beach Run/Walk for America's Warriors, Saturday, March 23. Donations are \$75 for the 7:30 a.m. ½ marathon (13.1 mile) run and \$25 for the 5k (3.1 mile) run/walk at 9 a.m. Trophies will be awarded three deep, all age groups, in run, walk and ½ marathon with special awards to overall female and male winners. Along with t-shirts, all entrants will be provided plenty of food and beverage at the after-party.

The Special Operations Warrior Foundation ensures financial aide and counseling to families of these fallen heroes along with full scholarship grants to their children. This year's Beach Run honors the family of TGST Howard A. Walters, 20th Special Operations Squadron, Air Force Special Operations Command, who died November of 2003 in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan.

For those who would like to participate with a donation, as a virtual athlete, sign up at beachruns.itsyourrace.com. It's still \$25 and \$75 but you'll receive a virtual athlete completion certificate and souvenir t-shirt by mail. Over \$8,000 was raised last year! Afterwards, stick around for the award ceremony, food & entertainment!



Gumbo To Go fundraiser March 19 at St. Jude's

The parishoners at St. Jude's By The Sea Lutheran Church at 312 East 16th Ave. (two blocks east of the water tower) in Gulf Shores will host a Gumbo To Go fundraiser on Tuesday, March 19 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. (or while supplies last. Cost for the authentic cajun gumbo is \$10 per pint and \$18 per quart. For more info, call 251-968-JUDE (5833). The church has been ministering to people for over 30 years.



SOUTH BALD. CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION: From left, Miriam Gebhart, Sue Leavins, Kasey Watkins, Dianne Barker and Kimberly Jenkins participated in the recent South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection held at the Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley. The next luncheon will be Thursday March 14. Info: call 251-943-7142 or email at emuddconnelly@gmail.com.

Brook's Center.

- Food Bank: 9 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Gulf Shores Woman's Club: 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all interested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.
- Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library: free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, MARCH 14

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Alvarado Road Show: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Deckland: Island DJ: 5; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- The Band Us: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Greg Lyon: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Scott Koehn: 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 6:30; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Arts at the Market: 4-8 p.m.; Coastal Alabama Farmer's & Fishermen's Market, Foley, 2nd Thurs. of each month; great artists & crafters from our area; Info: (251) 229-9885.
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.

- Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach: noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-968-2000.
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, MARCH 15

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families: 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Larry T. Wilson & Jon Cook: 7; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Soul Food Junkies: 5; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Open Jukebox: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- B Street Benny: 7; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Chillbillies: 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- Alvarado Road Show: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Lucky Doggs: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Karl Langley Light Travelers: 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- DJ-Karaoke: 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.



ARBOR DAY IN O.B.: As it celebrates 20 years as an Arbor Day Foundation-designated Tree City USA community, Orange Beach saw an outstanding turnout for the annual tree giveaway on Feb. 23. More than 150 people walked away from the Community Development building with a variety of seedlings and potted trees that included sawtooth oak, nuttall oak, live oak, drake elm, red maple, American elm, river birch and cypress. Chuck Smith, the city's code enforcement officer, and City Forester Woody Speed organized the tree giveaway that was aided by a \$250 donation from the Orange Beach Garden Club. With the great turnout on Saturday, Feb. 23, Smith said it was the best participation he's seen in his many years working the event.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Fairhope Art Fest March 15-17

The 67th Annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival in Fairhope, is scheduled for March 15-17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the streets of downtown Fairhope. The festival is free, and more than 230 exhibitors from all over the country will bring their best works. Enjoy live entertainment and delicious cuisine from the food court throughout this great three-day event.

An Eastern Shore staple for more than sixty years, there's something for everyone at the Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival on the streets of beautiful Downtown Fairhope.

The festival was chosen as one of the top events in the southeast for March by the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and the event is also one of the top 20 events selected by the Southeast Tourism Society. The festival was also selected in the Top 10 in 2017 by Sunshine Artists

- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Bingo: 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- Foley Rotary Club: 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulftel.com.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SAT, MARCH 16

- Chili for Charity: 11:30 a.m.; Oak Hollow Farm; Fairhope benefits Ecumenical Ministries.
- Friends of the Orange Beach Library Snowbird Trivia: 6 p.m.; Orange Beach Event Center.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

- Kilted Kings: 7; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Dublin Down Irish Band: 2-6 p.m.; Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Hippie Jim: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Damian Lamb Duo: 5; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Southern Star: 6:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Destiny Brown: 5; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Magnolia Bayou: 7; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- JoJo Press: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Crosstown: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- The Selma Boys: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Lefty Collins: 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- The Defrosters: 2 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Baldwin County Genealogical Society: 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.
- Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

- Ladies AA: 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, MARCH 17

- Central Flora-Bama: Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- Unity Church Beach Service: 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Oyster, Hwy. 59 - 3 blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Dublin Down Irish Band: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Papa Roccas, Gulf Shores.
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- Brittney Grimes: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- The Selma Boys: 3; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- St. Patrick's Day Special Small Batch Tapping: 2 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- Magic Johnsons: 3:30; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Pop Fiction: 7; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- The Defrosters: 2 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- Jazzman David Jones: 11 a.m.; Playa; Orange Beach.
- Greg Brown: noon; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki

Bar, Orange Beach.

- Lisa Christian: 4; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Dinner & Dance w. Music Man and Co.: 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Blind Draw Dart Tournament: 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- 9 Ball APA: 6; The Office, Foley.
- AA: 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, MARCH 18

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Jimmy Lumpkin: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Trivia at Big Beach: 7 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Nakd: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis

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- 8 Ball League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Grief Share: 6 p.m.; Community Hospice Center, Foley.
- Celebrate Recovery: (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

• Ladies AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, MARCH 19

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Brent Burns: 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Chauncy Crandall: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.



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7th Youth-Reach Gulf Coast Golf Tourney April 9 in Loxley

The 7th Annual Youth-Reach Gulf Coast Golf Tournament will be held April 9 at Steelwood Country Club in Loxley.

Check-in and breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m., an hour before the shotgun start. Format is four-man scramble and tourney competitions include closest to the pin, longest drive, straightest drive and longest putt. The entry fee is \$600 per team or \$200 per player and includes breakfast, a filet mignon lunch, golf towel nice tumbler, green fees and range balls.

Tournament sponsorship ranging from hole to title are also being solicited. Call (251) 967-4809 or visit youthreachgc.org or more info.

Youth-Reach Gulf Coast is a non-profit Christ-centered home set on a beautiful 81-acre campus east of Summerdale. The program is designed to remold the values and turn around the lives of at-risk young men, ages 18-22. Founded in 1984 by Curt Williams, the program's focuses on structure and a balanced family and home life. Youth-Reach concentrates on developing character, responsibility and a strong work ethic. Facilitated by respected counselors, it is a long-term program intended to heal past wounds and restore families.

- Yoga In The Taproom: 6; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- Neutral Snap: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke (7-9 p.m.) & Bingo (6 p.m.): Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Bereaved Parents of Baldwin County: 7 p.m.; for parents, and grandparents who have had a child, or grandchild die; First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores; 251-223-7270.
- Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- NAPA Pool League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Bingo: 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley: 251-971-2782.

- GriefShare Weekly Grief Support Group: 6 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd.; 601-278-6973.
- The Grief Support Group: 11 a.m.; Thee Coffee Shop; South Campus of Gulf Shores United Methodist Church; 1st and 3rd Tues; 251-968-2411.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Sonora Masonic Lodge: 7 p.m.; 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale; sonora635.com.
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time: 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club: Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- Kiwanis Club of Foley: Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Al-Anon: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

POLAR BEAR TENNIS CLASSIC: The 2019 Polar Bear Classic junior tennis tournament was held on February 22-24 at the Orange Beach Tennis Center and drew 61 players from New Orleans, Birmingham, Meridian (Mississippi), Dothan, Mobile, Destin, and many Alabama cities. The next tournament will be the Century Doubles Adult tournament, March 16, and the Spring UTR Adult/Junior tournament, April 5-7 at the Orange Beach Tennis Center. For more information, contact tournament organizer Rhett Russell at 251-233-9628. Pictured: Local winners included Co-Ed 10s champion Fin Moore of Orange Beach; G10s Green Ball Champion Tereza Mojs of Gulf Shores and G12s Champion Fiona McGill of Fairhope.

Foley's Snook Youth Club seeks performers for April 6 talent show

Snook Youth Club in Foley is looking for talent of all types and all ages to perform at Alabama Stars Wars on Saturday April 6, from 2-5pm at the Foley United Methodists Church-915 N Pine St. Alabama Star Wars is a multicultural, multigenerational Talent Show. Top performers grades 6-12 will have the opportunity to represent Baldwin County in the Alabama Fine Arts Festival in Alabaster Al, on May 3-4. Travel will be provided. Top performers of all ages will be invited into the recording studio to produce and perform an original selection on the 2019 SYC DVD. So get your act together. You might be the next Alabama Star. Contact Snookyouthcluboffoley@gmail.com/Snook Youth Club via Facebook or call 251-943-1483 for info.

Boggy Point Boat Ramp closed for two months beginning March 18

The Alabama Marine Resources Division (MRD) will temporarily close the Boggy Point Boat Ramp for renovations on Monday, March 18 at 7 a.m. The boat ramp is located at the end of Marina Road in Orange Beach.

Renovations will include the replacement of the existing finger piers and repairs to the parking area. Renovation activities are anticipated to take place for at least two months. However, weather conditions may impact the completion date.

Public access to the site will not be permitted throughout the renovation process. During renovations, the Cotton Bayou Boat Ramp located at 25808 Perdido Beach Blvd., in Orange Beach, Ala., will remain open.

Renovation updates will be provided on the MRD Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AlabamaMarineResourcesDivision. For more information about the boat ramp renovation, contact MRD Director Scott Bannon at 251-861-2882. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

36th Annual Pensacola JazzFest April 6-7 at Seville Square

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This year's heavy hitters include national headliner Bob Sheppard. For more than four decades, the multi-instrumentalist has played on countless sessions with Chick Corea, Freddie Hubbard, Michael and Randy Brecker and Herbie Hancock. He has also worked with Steely Dan, James Taylor, Stevie Wonder, Queen Latifah, Elvis Costello, Natalie Cole and Randy Newman. The fest also features middle, high school/college/university jazz bands and many of the greater Pensacola area's top talent.

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WHAT'S HAPPEN-

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- Orange Beach Garden Club Annual Game Day & Salad Luncheon: 10 a.m.; Orange Beach Event Center; tickets - 251-979-5308.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Brent Burns: 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- Neutral Snap: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.

- Big Beach Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- Adam Holt: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Swing Dancing: 7, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Bingo Night: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Aaron Phillips: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Rodger Plemons: 5; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- John Joiner & Friends: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Family Night Dinner & Activities: 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Veteran's Bingo: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Trivia Night: 6:30 p.m.; The Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2789, Foley; 251-550-1060.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

- South Alabama Senior Travelers: 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- Orange Beach Friends of the Library: 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.
- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- Food Bank: 9 - 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Gulf Shores Woman's Club: 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all inter-

- ested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.
- Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library: free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
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1 large onion, chopped

1 tsp. salt (or less)

1/4 tsp. pepper

1/4 cup butter, softened

1 cup 2% milk

Place potatoes in a 6-qt. stockpot; add water to cover.

Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium; cook, covered,

until potatoes are almost tender, 8-10 min. Add cab-

bage and onion; cook, covered, until cabbage is tender,

5-7 min. Drain; return to pot. Add salt and pepper;

mash to desired consistency, gradually adding butter

and milk. Makes 10 servings.

Enjoy!

- Christmas Calendar: Please turn to pages 6-28.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Rhonda Hart: 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Mojiles: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Grits & Pieces: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Skyline Kings: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Glow Yoga in the Taproom: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- Foley Garden Club: 3rd Thursday of month, Sept through May at Foley Public Library, second floor meeting room at 12:30 p.m. except when club has field trips; Info: Linda Ford, 251-972-871.
- Tim Roberts: 6:30; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.
- Scott Koehn: 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Smokey & Mark: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange

- Beach: noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-968-2000.
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, MARCH 22

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Tonya Gallagher: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Les Linton: 7; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Austin Logsdon: 5; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families: 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Porch Ninjas: 5:30; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- Mojiles: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Open Jukebox: 7; The Office, Foley.

- Albert Simpson: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Kristi Dees Bad JuJu: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Adam Holt: 5; Playa; Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. John Henry: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Bingo: 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- Alcoholics Anonymous: noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

SAT, MARCH 23

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Chase Brown: 5; Playa; Orange Beach.
- LA South Band: 9; The Office, Foley.
- REX: 5:30; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- Buzz Cut: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Johnny Barbato: 4; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- Doc Johnson: 6:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Austin Logsdon: 5; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- JJ Mack: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Funky Lampshades: 5; Tacky Jacks;

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Orange Beach.
 • The Defrosters: 2 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
 • The Blenders: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
 • Albert Simpson: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
 • City Rhythm Big Band: 7; Loxley Civic Center, 4198 Municipal Park Dr., Loxley.
 • John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • Jazzman David Jones: 11 a.m.; Playa; Orange Beach.
 • Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
 • John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • Karaoke: 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
 • Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

• Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
 • Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
 • Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620. Program: Two Old Men who regularly play and sing at The Front Porch in Lillian will play and tell their story.
 • AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 • AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 • Ladies AA: 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.



Baldwin Cattlewomen's Assn. host beef cook-off

The Baldwin County Cattlewomen's Association, under the direction of President Diane Sopr, sponsored the annual Baldwin County Junior and Senior High School beef cook off which was held at the Alfa building in Robertsdale on Tuesday, February 26. Coordinator of the event was Joni Ojard a Food, Wellness and Dietetics teacher at Spanish Fort High School.

Junior and Senior winners will advance to the Alabama Jr. & Sr. High School State Cookoff on April 6, 2019 at Carver High School in Montgomery. Those students advancing from Baldwin County are: Junior Division – First Place – Elise Belmar, Spanish Fort High School - Cheesy Ground Beef Pasta Skillet
 Senior Division – Second Place– Dean Nikolaevich, Foley High School - Beef Wellington. Other contestants in the Junior division were: Maddy Williams, 2nd Place, Central Baldwin Middle School and Carrie salter, 3rd place, Robertsdale High School.

The entries were judged on palatability, appearance, healthfulness and nutritional balance, and flavor. The judges were Ed Johnson, Ramona Wagner, and Mary Ann Lindsay. Pictured: Maddy Williams, Elise Belmar, Carrie Salter, Dean Nikolaevich.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Fisher's on Southern Living's top 10 restaurants in South list

Describing the Orange Beach restaurant as a "dockside treasure," Southern Living Magazine placed Fisher's at Orange Beach Marina in the No. 10 slot of its recently released list of The South's Top 10 Restaurants.

Fisher's was the only Alabama restaurant on the list, which included New Orleans' institution

"I often describe Fisher's as a house where Upstairs is the nice, fancy dining room and Dockside is the kitchen with kids running around with wet bathing suits, and everyone feels comfortable just as they are."

our 7th summer," said Fisher's owner Johnny Fisher. "That's hard to fathom. Pretty amazing."

The magazine relied on its South's Best survey to compile the list. "The results prove that our readers are the most passionate about restaurants that speak to a sense of place not just in the dishes listed on the menu but in the ambiance of the space, the attention to detail, and the sourcing of ingredients," wrote Hannah

Hayes in her introduction to the list.

Fisher said it is the fourth time his restaurant has been on a Southern Living "Best" list in the past six years, earning spots on the magazine's top 100, top 50 and top 35 lists previously. This is the second year Southern Living has pared the list to 10.

"Top restaurant lists are a dime a dozen, but this is pretty cool because it's from a prestigious magazine and it was based on a readers' poll," he said.

Fisher said he hit a homerun when he made Chef Bill Briand his first hire, but this was a team award.

"Bill was my first hire and the keystone to it all," he said about the three time James Beard award nominee. "How often does that happen? I know I got lucky there. But this was more of a team thing. The whole ambiance we create plays into it between dockside and upstairs. Rather than just the food, I think it's about the overall vibe."

About Fisher's, Southern Living stated: "While there is a time and place for a beachside basket full of fried shrimp and overdressed coleslaw, the treasures of the Gulf find a home befitting their glory at Fisher's. The upstairs-downstairs setup here might imply pomp above and party below, but executive chef Bill Briand lends complexity to the casual dockside dishes downstairs and expert simplicity to the specialties served in the dining room upstairs (like hyper-local Bon Secour oysters that sail over garlic-leek butter). Either floor makes for a dreamy cocktail-sipping perch, where you can gaze out on the secluded but bustling Orange Beach Marina."

SUN, MARCH 24

- Central Flora-Bama Church: Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- Unity Church Beach Service: 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Oyster, Hwy. 59, three blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Chase & Destiny Brown: 1; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- Brittney Grimes: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Sarah Peacock: 5; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- The Defrosters: 2 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Light Travelers: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Nakd: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Jazzman David Jones: 11 a.m.; Playa; Orange Beach.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 4; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Music Man & Company: 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady: 2-5 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles 4549, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 5; Monthly Birthday Potluck; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Blind Draw Dart Tournament: 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

MON, MARCH 25

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Trivia Night at Big Beach: 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- JERI: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Alabama Avenue: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Grief Share: 6 p.m.; Community Hospice Center, Foley.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish Dinner: social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter guests welcome; Canal Road next to the Recreation Center; 251-981-1942.
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Ladies AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, MARCH 26

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- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes,

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Southern Fox Fest March 23 at Preserve in Elberta

The Veranda at the Preserve and The Preserve at Soldiers Creek will present Southern Fox Fest on March 23 from 2-10 p.m. at The Veranda at the Preserve in Elberta (28341 Preserve Trail). The outdoor music fest will showcase popular local bands along with the area's best food trucks, coffee shop, local brews and wines. The event will include a kids zone with face painting and inflatables. Camping options are available. Free entry until 4 p.m. and \$15 per adult after 4 p.m., including camping. Visit facebook for the music lineup.

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• Brent Burns: 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.

• Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• Lefty Collins: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

• John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• Wavelength: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.

• Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.

• Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

• Karaoke (7-9 p.m.) & Bingo (6 p.m.): Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.

• Karaoke: 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.

• Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

• JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.

• Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.

• Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

• NAPA Pool League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.

• Bingo: 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley: 251-971-2782.

• South Baldwin Republican Women: Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.

• GriefShare Weekly Grief Support Group: 6 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd.; 601-278-6973.

• Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.

• Sonora Masonic Lodge: 7 p.m.; 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale; sonora635.com.

• Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.

• Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time: 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.

• Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

PBPS Safe Boating Class is March 16 in Lillian

The Perdido Bay Power Squadron is offering its Boating Knowledge and Safety Class on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lillian Recreation Park, 33914 Widell Ave, in Lillian. For additional information, call Richard Carson at (251) 980-1536.



Certified instructors from the Perdido Bay Power Squadron provide instruction as a courtesy to advance recreational boating knowledge. The course includes information on getting started, what is needed, required and recommended safety equipment, boating rules to live by, navigation chart overview, and related topics.

The cost is \$50 for student materials and lunch. Please make out your check to Perdido Bay Power Squadron.

Student materials include a student manual, graduation certificate, and copies of federal and state rules. Two persons in the same household may share a single book. For those sharing a book, there is an \$8 charge for the additional lunch. Classes are limited to 16 students. Minimum age is 12, and an adult must accompany anyone under 16. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available.

Successful completion of the course meets the basic boating knowledge requirements of most states and territories. Education on Alabama boating law is included in the course and comprehension assessed as part of the course final examination. Purchasing and reviewing the student manual prior to the class is recommended.

Register and buy the student manual at Blue Water Ship's Store, 8103 S. Hwy 59, Foley, AL 36535. Materials may also be obtained on class day at the Lillian Recreation Park. Make checks out to Perdido Bay Power Squadron.

Race to Top of Tower May 4 at Turquoise

The 8th Annual Race to the Top of the Tower at Turquoise Place will be held on Saturday, May 4 at 9 a.m. Come out and test your fitness level with our local heroes and compete for a three-night stay at Turquoise Place and for the bragging rights to the title.

Spectrum Resorts invites all local and regional firefighters, police, EMS, military personnel and the general public to participate in this 31-floor stairwell race where all proceeds benefit the Special Olympics of Alabama. Another component of this fundraiser is a Lazy River Duck Race benefitting the Miracle League of Coastal Alabama.

"Spectrum Resorts is proud to sponsor the Race the Top, and we are looking forward to another year of supporting the Special Olympics and the Miracle League," says Jillian Pierce, director of Marketing and Guest Services for Spectrum Resorts. "We welcome the opportunity to help make a difference for special needs athletes in Alabama." Visit RaceToTheTop.TurquoisePlace.com to register for more info.

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- Overcomers Outreach: 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
- Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club: Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- Kiwanis Club of Foley: Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Al-Anon: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

WED, MARCH 27

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m.

til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Adam Holt: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Midnight Shepards: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Brent Burns: 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- Rodger Plemons: 5; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Open Mic: 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Bingo Night: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
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 LIVE MUSIC.....Rex, 3/23: 5:30-8:30pm
 LIVE MUSIC.....Chase and Destiny Brown, 3/24: 1-4pm
 LIVE MUSIC.....Sarah Peacock, 3/24: 5-8pm
 LIVE MUSIC.....Cookin with Grass, 3/29: 5:30-8:30pm
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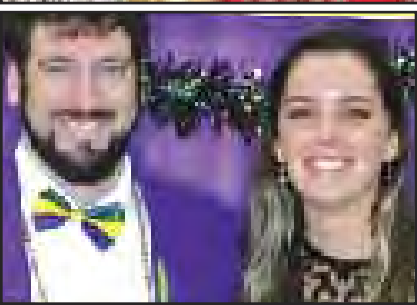
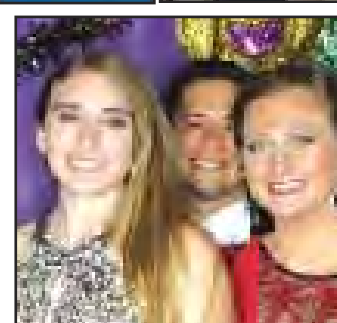
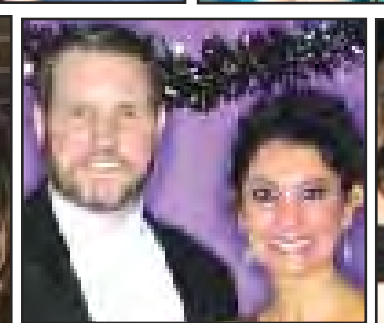
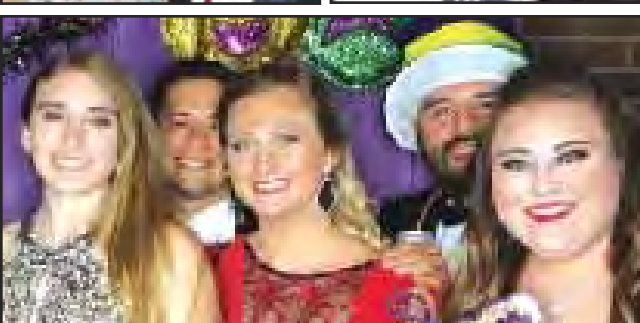
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